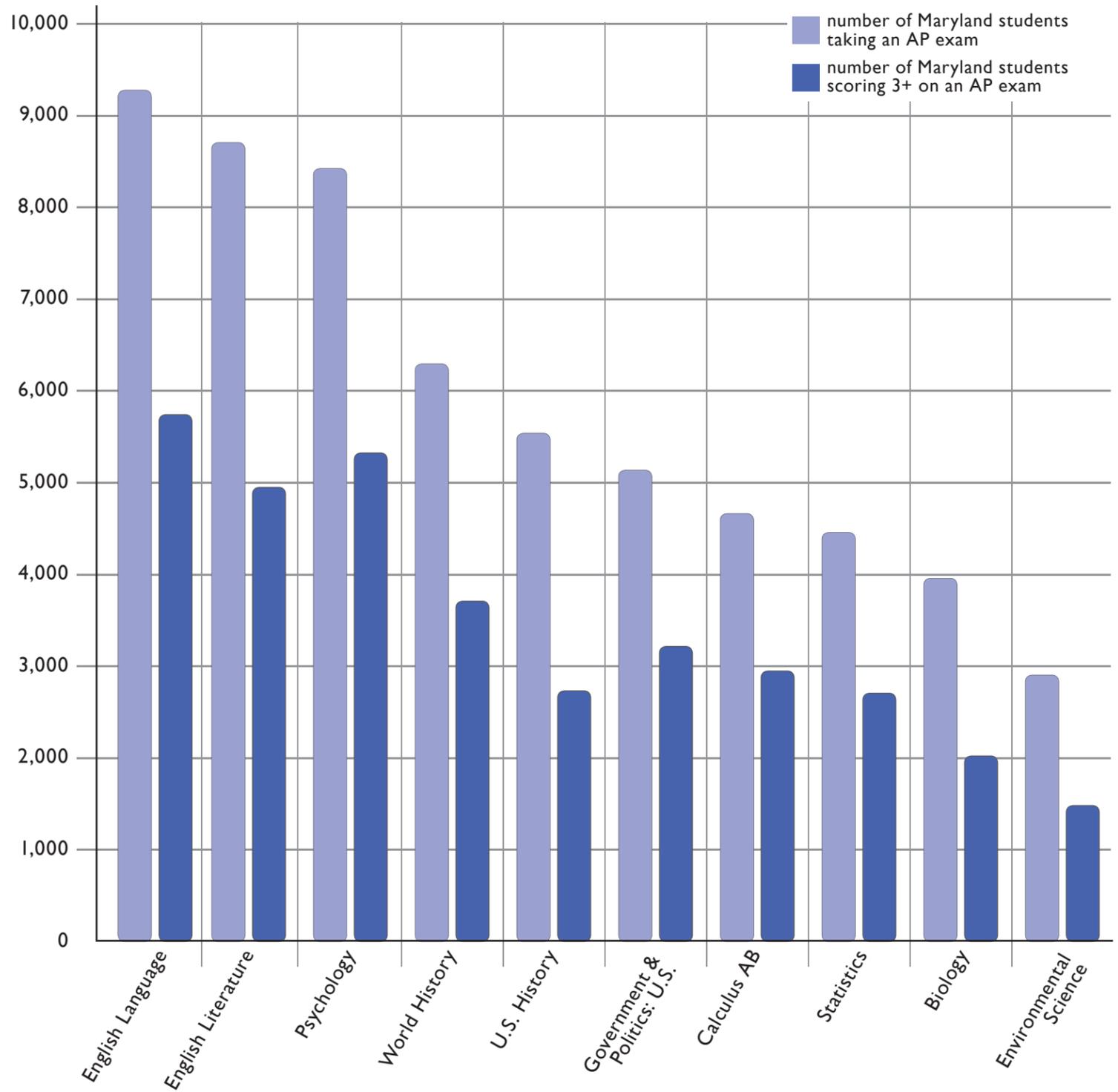


Maryland's 10 Most Popular AP Exams



The College Board's Advanced Placement Program, which began in 1955, allows students to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. Students of different interests and backgrounds can choose from among 35 courses and exams in 19 subject areas to demonstrate their knowledge of rigorous academic curriculum.

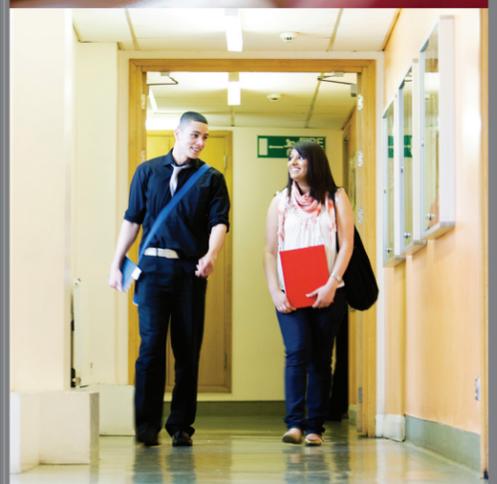
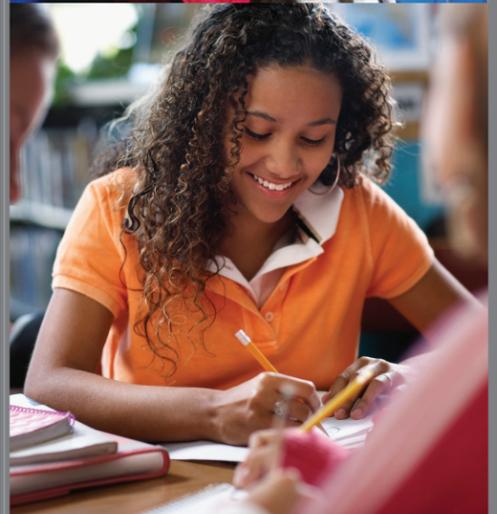
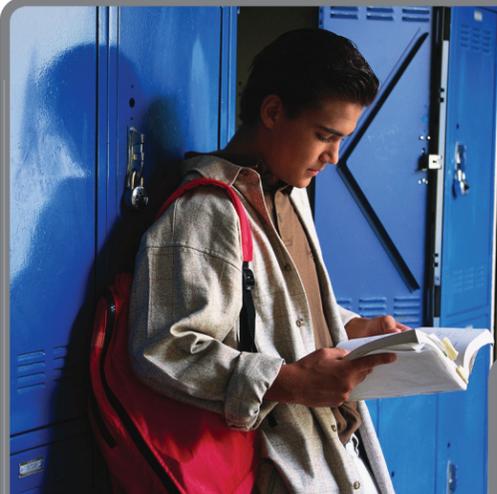


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AGAIN, Maryland Ranks #1 in Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Performance

For a second year in a row, Maryland ranked first nationwide in the percentage of public school students scoring 3 or higher on at least one AP exam. A score of 3 or higher on the 5-point scale is considered mastery of college-level work.

Maryland also continues to show strong gains in the number of students taking an AP exam, and is one of the first states in AP history to have 40 percent of its students take at least one AP test.

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Maryland's students and educators should be proud of the success their hard work has created. I commend the state for its continued commitment to preparing students for college success and for making these rigorous courses accessible to more students.

- Gaston Caperton
College Board President

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Additionally, Maryland has dramatically increased AP participation among minority students. Maryland has eliminated the “equity and excellence” gap among Hispanic students as 7.5 percent of students earned a score of 3 or higher, actually exceeding their overall school enrollment of 6.8 percent. While no state has overcome the gap for African-American students, 9.6 percent of Maryland test-takers scoring a 3 or higher were African-American. That's the nation's 4th largest percentage!

It is our goal to ensure that our high schools offer the most challenging curricula available to all of our students, and these results prove our work is making a difference. We must ensure that all children have these opportunities, as well as the tools, to be successful in the future.

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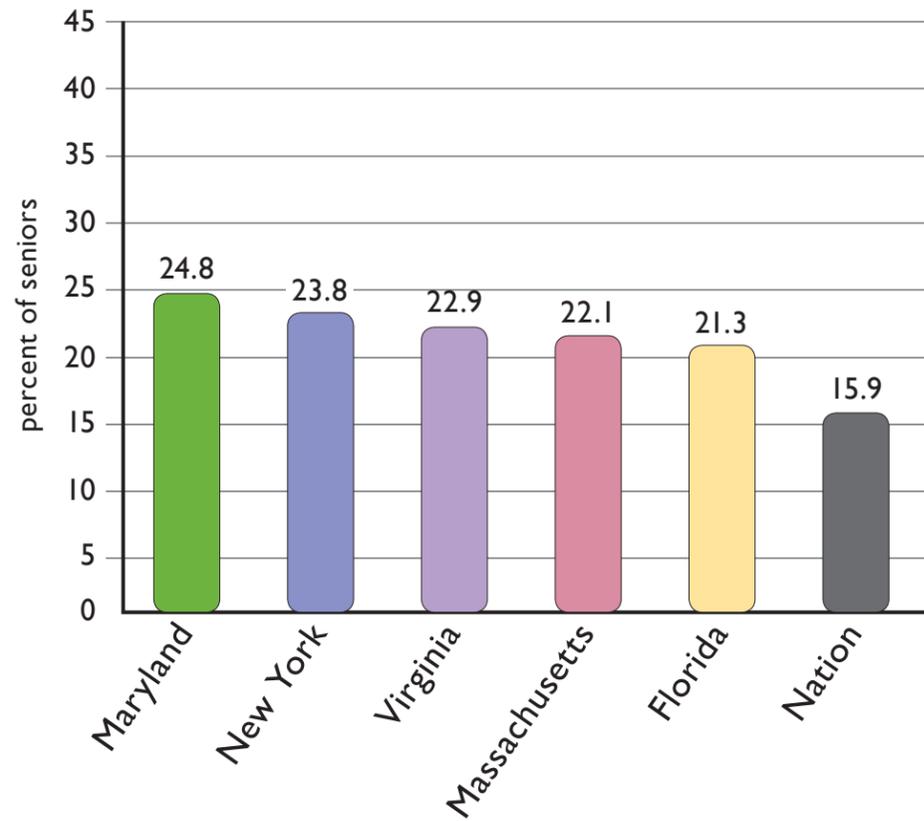
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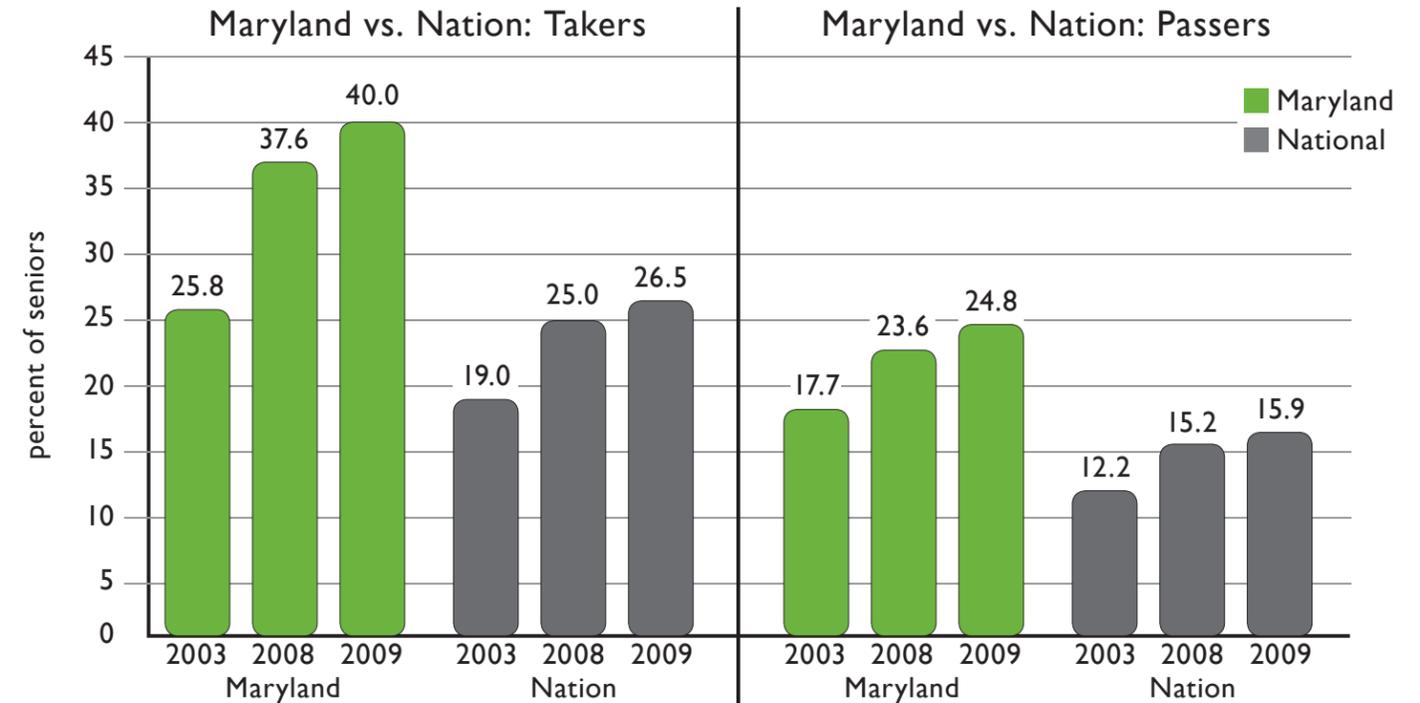
Maryland is #1 in the percentage of graduating seniors who scored a 3 or higher (out of a scale of 5) on an AP exam.

A score of 3 or higher is considered "college mastery level" on the AP exams, and many higher education institutions award college credit for high school students scoring in that range.

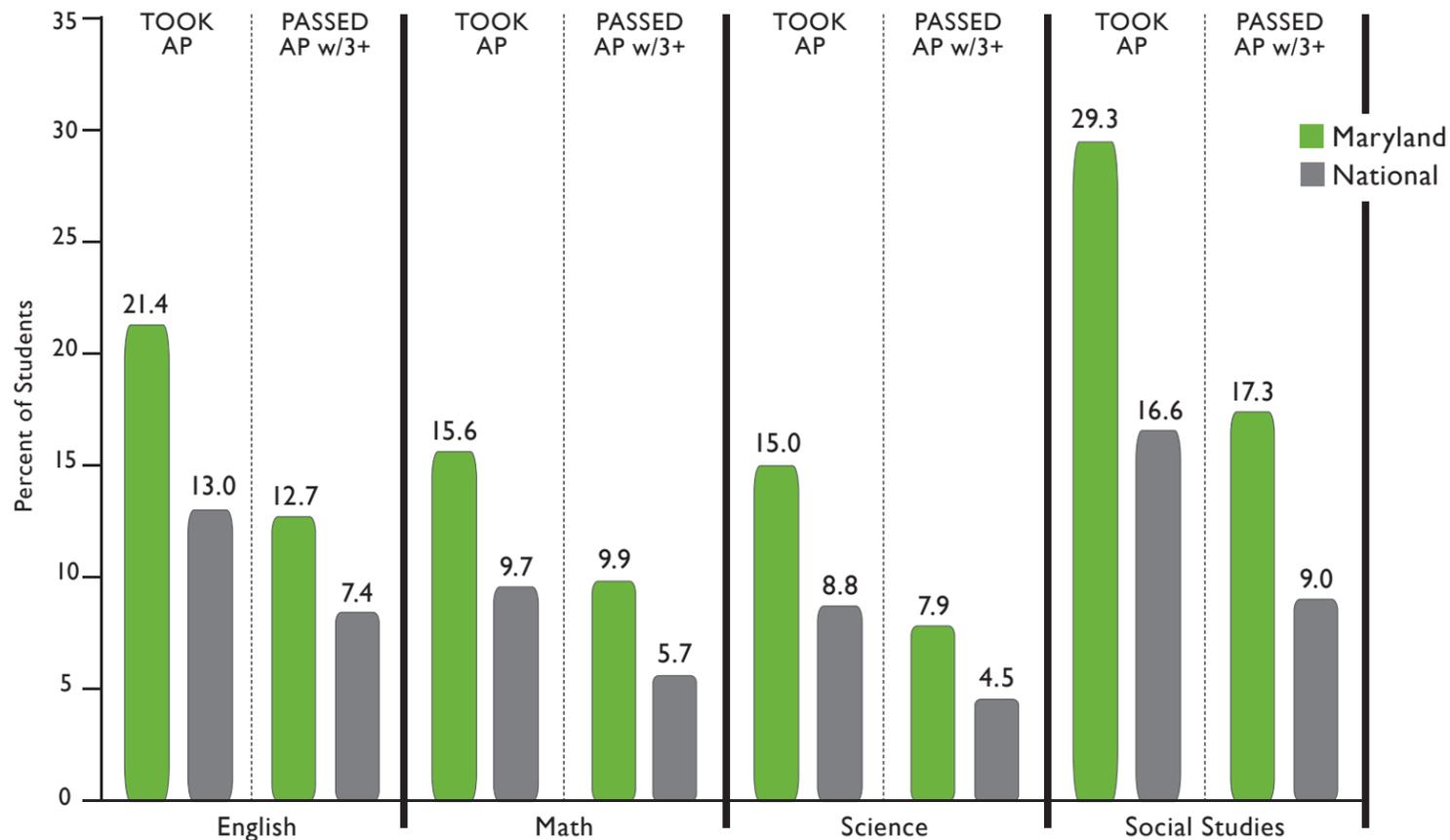


GROWTH: Maryland is a leader in increasing AP Takers & Passers

- Maryland is one of the first states in the nation to have 40% of its graduating seniors take at least one AP exam. The national average is 26.5%.
- Maryland is second in the nation for the rate of increase in percentage of students scoring 3 or higher on an AP exam.
- Twenty-two of Maryland's twenty-four systems have at least a 20 percent or greater participation rate among seniors, and fourteen have 30 percent or greater.



Class of 2009: Core Subject Areas
More Maryland students took and passed AP exams with a 3 or higher than the National average



EQUITY: Maryland is making gains in closing the achievement gap among minorities.

- Maryland has the fourth highest percentage of African American students scoring a 3 or higher on an AP exam with nearly 10 percent of the population receiving a grade of 3 or higher.
- Maryland is one of sixteen states recognized for having eliminated the equity and excellence gap in AP achievement for the Hispanic and Latino population. While Hispanics were 6.8 percent of the Maryland population last year, 7.5 percent of the seniors who scored 3 or higher on an AP exam were Hispanic.

